

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (Previously presented) A method of treating a herpetoviridae infection in a subject in need of such treatment, said method comprising treating the subject with a therapeutically effective amount of a sulfur-containing compound, wherein the compound is an inhibitor of a (H^+/K^+) ATPase and an inhibitor of a herpetoviridae protease.

Claim 2 (Previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the compound contains a sulfur radical selected from the group consisting of sulfoxide, alkylthio, and sulfone.

Claims 3-21 (Canceled)

Claim 22 (Previously presented) The method of claim 2 wherein the compound contains a divalent sulfur bridge.

Claim 23-24 (Canceled)

Claim 25 (Previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the herpetoviridae is selected from the group of viruses consisting of herpes simplex viruses, cytomegalovirus, herpes varicellazoster, Epstein-Barr, HHV6, HHV7, pseudorabies, and rhinotracheitis.

Claims 26-30 (Canceled)

Claim 31 (Previously presented) The method of claim 25 wherein the herpetoviridae protease is a serine herpetoviridae protease.

Claim 32 (Previously presented) The method of claim 31 wherein the serine herpetoviridae protease is assemblin.

Claim 33 (Currently amended) ~~The A~~ method of ~~claim 1~~ treating a herpetoviridae infection in a subject in need of such treatment, said method comprising treating the subject with a therapeutically effective amount of a sulfur-containing benzimidazole compound, wherein the compound is a benzimidazole; wherein the compound is an inhibitor of a (H⁺/K⁺) ATPase and an inhibitor of a herpetoviridae protease.

Claim 34 (Previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the compound contains a sulfone radical.

Claim 35 (Previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the compound contains a sulfoxide radical.

Claim 36 (Previously presented) The method of claim 34 wherein the herpetoviridae is selected from the group of viruses consisting of herpes simplex viruses, cytomegalovirus, herpes varicellazoster, Epstein-Barr, HHV6, HHV7, pseudorabies, and rhinotracheitis.

Claim 37 (Previously presented) The method of claim 35 wherein the herpetoviridae is selected from the group of viruses consisting of herpes simplex viruses, cytomegalovirus, herpes varicellazoster, Epstein-Barr, HHV6, HHV7, pseudorabies, and rhinotracheitis.

Claim 38 (Previously presented) The method of claim 34 wherein the herpetoviridae protease is a serine herpetoviridae protease.

Claim 39 (Previously presented) The method of claim 35 wherein the herpetoviridae protease is a serine herpetoviridae protease.